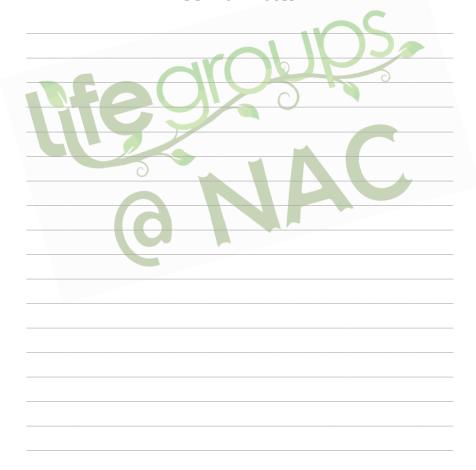


## January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ~Sermon Notes~



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## ~Life Group Questions~

- **1.** Thinking back to Sunday's sermon, is there anything that particularly caught your attention, confused or challenged you?
- **2.** Read Isaiah 25:6-9 and discuss who is included in this prophecy.
- **3.** Based upon the above verses from Isaiah, Genesis 12:3; 22:18, Psalm 117 and Galatians 3:8-9, Pastor Kurt asserted that "From the very beginning of biblical revelation God's heart has been universally enthralled with seeing that all the people, all the tribes and all the nations of the whole world would participate in His abundance." On a scale from one to ten, one being the least and 10 being the most, rate how your life reflects God's desire that the whole world would come into His abundance.
- **4.** What do you think Pastor Kurt meant by saying; "The focus of our Christianity should not be 'bless me so that I can be blessed,' but rather 'bless me so I can be a blessing?' "

- **5.** According to the following quote by Paul Tripp, what is the outcome of overly focusing on living for our own blessing?
  - "When we ask the present to give us what only eternity can give, we end up driven, frustrated, discouraged, and ultimately hopeless."
- **6.** Discuss what the outcome is in our lives when we seek to be blessed so that we can be a blessing.
  - **a.** Read Revelation 5:9-10 and 7:9-10 and discuss the eternal outcome of seeking to bless the world with the good news of salvation.
- 7. Read Acts 1:6-8 and discuss the following;
  - **a.** Do you feel the North American Church spends more time and energy wondering about the timing of Christ's second coming rather than on focusing on being His witnesses to the world?
  - **b.** According to Matthew 24:14 when will Jesus come back?
  - **c.** According to Matthew 28:18-20 what should the followers of Jesus be doing as we wait?
- **8.** Share some of the ways that you see Neighborhood Alliance Church reaching our Jersusalem, Judea, Samaria and the remotest parts of the earth.
  - **a.** Discuss your biggest dream for missions at NAC.

- **9.** As a Christ-centered Acts 1:8 family, NAC seeks to connect more and more people to Jesus Christ and each other by loving, proclaiming, reaching and launching. Pastor Kurt shared three areas in which we should focus, 1) people on the move, 2) people lacking access and 3) people of all ages. In light of this discuss the following;
  - **a.** How can the North American Church resond to the global refugee crisis in a more godly way?
  - **b.** How can we participate in God's plan to reach people lacking access to the gospel?
  - c. What part are you playing in NAC's effort to reach people of all ages, especially the children and youth of Riverton?
- 10. Pastor Kurt stated that there are three ways we can help resource the Great Commission effort of NAC; they are 1) Pray, 2) Go and 3) Give. As North Americans all of us can feel tapped out, dried up and generally lacking any excesses to give to these three areas. How does 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 address feelings of paucity?
- **11.** Discuss why the Sea of Galliee is full of life and why the Dead Sea is dead.
- **12.** Close in prayer with a special emphasis on the efforts of NAC to reach the whole world with the gospel.